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Natural Gas Marketers File November Prices With the PSC

ATLANTA, November 7, 2005 — The Georgia Public Service Commission today published the November natural gas marketer prices on the November 2005 pricing page on the Commission website, <u>www.psc.state.ga.us</u>, along with an "apples to apples" comparison of rates and a total bill comparison showing the differences among marketer rate plans. The monthly bill for a typical variable rate customer can vary by nearly \$20.00 depending on the marketer chosen. Simply looking at the price per therm advertised by a marketer may not give an accurate comparison since some marketers bill certain charges separately while others include them in the per therm rate. Monthly customer service charges can vary from \$3.95 to \$15.95. For November, an average customer is defined as having a 1.29 DDDC factor and using 62 therms or 880 therms annually.

Georgia law provides that the "price for natural gas billed to a natural gas customer shall not exceed the marketer's published price effective at the beginning of the consumer's billing cycle." Additional information on consumer complaints concerning natural gas marketers may be found on the Gas Marketer Scoreboard at <u>http://www.psc.state.ga.us/consumer_corner/cc_gas/scorecard.asp</u>.

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November 2005 Pricing Chart

Typical Customer = 1.29 DDDC Factor, 880 therms annual consumption, 62 therms November consumption

NOTE: Beginning July 2005, senior citizens discounts will be either \$14.00 or the Total amounbt of the AGLC base charges, whichever is LESS

| | Total Monthly Bill for Typical Customer | | Total Annual Bill for Typical Customer | Annual "Apples- to-Apples" Price per Therm | Per Therm Rate (*not all charges included) | | Tiers (if applica ble) | Interstate Capacity Charge-per DDDC Factor | Balancingper DDDC Factor | Customer Service Charge** | | Other Marketer Charges/Notes | Effective Date of Marketer Rates | Exit Fee/Early Termination Fee |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Senior Citizen Rate Plans | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Variable | | | [| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Provider Group 1 | \$ 100.82 | \$ 1.63 | N/A | N/A | \$ | 1.4664 | | Included | Included | \$ | 3.95 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Regulated Provider Group 2 | \$ 124.63 | | N/A | N/A | ŝ | 1.7214 | | Included | Included | \$ | 11.95 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| GasKey | \$ 99.01 | | N/A | N/A | ŝ | 1.4050 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Georgia Natural Gas | \$ 112.28 | | N/A | N/A | ŝ | 1.6190 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Southern Company Gas | \$ 119.72 | | N/A | N/A | \$ | 1.7390 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service\$12.95 depending on credit check | 11/4/05 | N/A |
| Southern Company Gas-promo rate | \$ 109.80 | \$ 1.77 | N/A | N/A | \$ | 1.5790 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service\$12.95 depending on credit check | 11/4/05 | N/A |
| /ectren Source-Senior Select | \$ 109.04 | \$ 1.76 | N/A | N/A | \$ | 1.5990 | | Included | Included | \$ | 3.95 | | 11/4/05 | N/A |
| Fixed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Provider Group 1 | \$ 114.00 | \$ 1.84 | \$ 1,632.21 | \$ 1.85 | \$ | 1.6790 | | Included | Included | \$ | 3.95 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Southern Company Gas-Fixed 12 month | \$ 115.38 | | \$ 1,647.41 | | | 1.6690 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service\$12.95 depending on credit check | 11/4/05 | \$ 50 |
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| ariable Rate Plans | _ | ļ | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| legulated Provider Group 1 | \$ 122.28 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.5664 | | Included | Included | \$ | 4.95 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Regulated Provider Group 2 | \$ 138.89 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.7214 | | Included | Included | \$ | 11.95 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Commerce Energy | \$ 121.02 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.3840 * | | \$ 4.29 | \$ 3.50 | \$ | 4.95 | | 11/1/05 | N/A |
| Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas | \$ 120.40 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.5200 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/1/05 | N/A |
| GasKey | \$ 124.06 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.5790 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Georgia Natural Gas | \$ 135.84 | | N/A | N/A | \$ | 1.7690 | | Included | Included | \$ | | \$144.22 (\$9.99 CS charge/\$1.839 per therm) depending on credit check | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Georgia Natural Gas-Market Advantage | \$ 130.68 | | N/A | N/A | \$ | 1.6690 | | Included | Included | \$ | 6.99 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Seorgia Natural Gas-Market Intro | \$ 129.89 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.7690 | | Included | Included | \$ | | New customers only; CS charge waived for 1st 4 months of service | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Georgia Natural Gas-Volume Discount | \$ 119.90 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.4790 | | Included | Included | \$ | 7.99 | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| nfinite Energy | \$ 135.79 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.7682 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/1/05 | N/A |
| Scana Energy | \$ 136.26 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.7790 | | Included | Included | \$ | | | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Scana Choice | \$ 136.22 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.7590 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Scana Choice-no CS charge | \$ 129.27 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.7590 | | Included | Included | \$ | | 6 months free customer service chargenew customers only | 11/5/05 | N/A |
| Shell Energy | \$ 134.04 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.7400 | | Included | Included | \$ | | | 11/4/05 | N/A |
| Southern Company Gas | \$ 135.22 | | N/A | N/A | \$ | 1.7590 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service\$12.95 depending on credit check | 11/4/05 | N/A |
| Southern Company Gas- promo rate | \$ 125.30 | | N/A | N/A | \$ | 1.5990 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Applies to new customers only | 11/4/05 | N/A |
| /ectren Source | \$ 130.52 | | N/A | N/A | | 1.6832 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/4/05 | N/A |
| Valton EMC Natural Gas | \$ 126.96 | \$ 2.05 | N/A | N/A | Ş | 1.6290 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.75 | | 11/4/05 | N/A |
| Fixed Rate Plans | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Month Plans | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regulated Provider Group 1 | \$ 129.26 | \$ 2.08 | \$ 1,790.89 | \$ 2.04 | s | 1.6790 | | Included | Included | \$ | 4.95 | | 11/5/05 | \$ |
| Regulated Provider Group 2 | \$ 148.97 | | \$ 2,055.29 | | | 1.8840 | | Included | Included | ŝ | 11.95 | | 11/5/05 | ŝ |
| Commerce Energy | \$ 123.97 | | | | | 1.5130 | | Included | Included | \$ | 9.95 | | 11/1/05 | \$ 50 |
| Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas | \$ 124.06 | | \$ 1,714.89 | | | 1.5790 | | Included | Included | ŝ | 5.95 | | 11/1/05 | \$ 50 |
| Gas Key | \$ 122.20 | | \$ 1,688.49 | | | 1.5490 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| Georgia Natural Gas | \$ 131.06 | | \$ 1,809.77 | | | 1.6590 | | Included | Included | \$ | 7.99 | | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| Georgia Natural Gas-Plan 2 | \$ 130.88 | | \$ 1,811.69 | | | 1.6890 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| nfinite Energy | \$ 130.94 | | \$ 1,812.57 | \$ 2.06 | | 1.6900 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | | 11/1/05 | Tiered up to \$1 |
| Scana Energy | \$ 131.30 | | | | | 1.6990 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| Scana Choice | \$ 131.26 | | | | | 1.6790 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| Scana Choice-no CS charge | \$ 124.31 | | | | | 1.6790 | | Included | Included | \$ | | 6 months free customer service chargenew customers only | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| Shell Energy (12 or 24 months) | \$ 129.70 | | \$ 1,794.97 | \$ 2.04 | | 1.6700 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service- up to \$8.95 depending on credit check | 11/4/05 | \$ 50 |
| Southern Company Gas | \$ 130.88 | | \$ 1,811.69 | | | 1.6890 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service\$12.95 depending on credit check | 11/4/05 | \$ 50 |
| outhern Company Gas-Grand Plan | \$ 133.44 | | \$ 1,826.09 | | | 1.5690 | 1 | Included | Included | \$ | 15.95 | designed for >1000 annual therms | 11/4/05 | \$ 50 |
| Valton EMC Natural Gas | \$ 119.58 | | \$ 1,651.77 | \$ 1.88 | | 1.5100 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.75 | • | 11/4/05 | \$ |
| Other Fixed Plans | | 1 | | | 1 | | | · · · · · · · | | | | | | |
| Georgia Natural Gas 6 month | \$ 130.68 | \$ 2.11 | \$ 1,806.57 | \$ 2.05 | \$ | 1.6690 | | Included | Included | \$ | 6.99 | | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| cana Energy-fixed for 6 months | \$ 134.40 | | \$ 1,862.09 | | | 1.7490 | | Included | Included | \$ | | Customer Service-\$8.95 depending on credit check | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| cana Choice-Fixed for 6 months | \$ 134.36 | | | | | 1.7290 | | Included | Included | \$ | | | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| | \$ 127.41 | | \$ 1,775.49 | | | 1.7290 | | Included | Included | \$ | | 6 months free customer service chargenew customers only | 11/5/05 | \$ 50 |
| cana Choice-Fixed for 6-no CS charge | | | | | | | 1 | | | - | | | | |
| | \$ 130.94 | \$ 2.11 | \$ 1,794.97 | \$ 2.04 | \$ | 1.6900 | | Included | Included | \$ | 5.95 | Customer Service- up to \$8.95 depending on credit check | 11/4/05 | \$ 50 |
| Scana Choice-Fixed for 6-no CS charge Shell Energy (6 months) Southern Company Gas-18 mth | | | \$ 1,794.97 \$ 1,785.29 | | | 1.6900 1.6590 | | Included | Included | \$ \$ | | Customer Service- up to \$8.95 depending on credit check Customer Service\$12.95 depending on credit check | 11/4/05 11/4/05 | \$ 50 \$ 50 |

Represents the <u>lowest</u> rate for a typical residential customer, excluding Regulated Provider rates

Represents the highest rate for a typical residential customer, excluding Regulated Provider rates

NOTES:

(a) The prices billed to a consumer on a variable rate plan will not exceed the price the marketer has on file with the Commission in effect at the beginning of the consumer's billing cycle (meter reading cycle). The prices billed

to a consumer on a fixed rate plan will not exceed the price on file with the Commission that was in effect at the time the consumer contracted with his or her marketer.

(b) The Total Annual Bill and Total Monthly Bill include the base charges from Atlanta Gas Light Company. The annual base charge for a typical customer with a 1.29 DDDC Factor is \$253.97 and is \$107.29 for qualifying senior citizens.

The November 2005 base charge is \$20.21 for a typical customer with a 1.29 DDDC Factor, and \$5.95 for qualifying seniors with a 1.29 DDDC Factor.

(c) "Apples-to-Apples" = (total monthly [annual] bill / monthly [annual] consumption)

(d) Total Monthly Bill = [(Marketer variable rate x 62 therms) + (listed other charges) + (customer service charge) + (November base charge)]

(e) Total Annual Bill = [(Marketer fixed rate x 880 therms) + (listed other charges x 12) + (customer service charge x 12) + (annual base charges)]

(f) The Regulated Provider Group 1 customers - low income customers who are qualified by the State Dept. of Human Resources. Group 2 customers - high-credit risk customers who cannot obtain service from a marketer.

(g) Prices do not include sales tax, which vary by county.